



# **MINUTES**

## **FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

City Hall, 206 S. Main Street, Council Chambers  
Monday, December 13, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knox H. White

**2. INVOCATION**

Dr. Stephen Clyborne, Earle Street Baptist Church

**3. SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Posting of Colors	Greenville Police Department Honor Guard
Pledge of Allegiance	City of Greenville – Youth Commission
Administration of Oaths	City Clerk Camilla Pitman to Councilmembers Lillian Flemming, Wil Brasington, and Russell Stall; Commissioner of Public Works Jim Bannister

Mayor White provided comments reflecting upon the election of the Councilmembers and on the growth and strength Greenville has experienced during a time of COVID and troubling events which have occurred in other municipalities throughout the country. Mayor White referred to the approach taken by Greenville and the unity and pride Greenville continues to display. Mayor White thanked the residents for caring about Greenville and for making its success possible.

**4. ROLL CALL**

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Knox White, John DeWorken, Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Wil Brasington, Russell Stall, and Dorothy Dowe

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

November 22, 2021; Approved as submitted

**6. COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor White recognized Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Angie Prosser on receiving the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association's Robert L. Reid Lifetime Achievement and Hall of Fame Award during the Association's Annual Conference.

**7. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None

**8. PRESENTATION**

**a. FY2021 Audit Results**

Office of Management and Budget Matt Efirm introduced Ken Meadows with Greene, Finney, LLP to present an opinion of the FY2020-2021 audit and financial statement of the City as of June 30, 2021. Mr. Efirm also recognized OMB Deputy Director Karen Crawford and her staff for their continued work and assistance in the process.

In summary, Mr. Meadows stated the total fund balance for the General Fund is \$50 million as of June 30, 2021, which is an increase of \$16.3 million; the unassigned fund balance is \$17.4 million above the 20% percent minimum required by city policy; and single audits were performed for the American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus Relief Fund, and the Highway Planning and Construction funds with all having no findings or issues noted. Mr. Meadows announced the City has received an unmodified opinion, which is the best opinion it can receive, and has a healthy financial condition as of June 30, 2021.

Mayor White thanked Mr. Meadows and city staff and advised that Greenville continues to remain the only municipality in South Carolina with a AAA bond rating. Councilmember Stall referred to the projections provided at the Council Retreat in February and to the positive results achieved. Councilmember Stall expressed his appreciation to Mr. Efrid and OMB staff.

**9. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**10. APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.*

Councilmember Gibson moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve second and final reading of agenda items 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, and 11f of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)**

- a. Ordinance to convey surplus city property located on Cowan Court to United Housing Connections for purposes of affordable housing  
(Presented by Community Development Manager Rebecca Edwards)
- b. Ordinance to convey surplus city property located on Hollywood Circle to Genesis Homes for purposes of affordable housing  
(Presented by Community Development Manager Rebecca Edwards)
- c. Ordinance to appropriate \$112,800 in the Miscellaneous Grant Fund for the 2021 Community Policing Development Microgrants program  
(Presented by Police Chief Howie Thompson)
- d. Ordinance to appropriate \$68,304 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund to reflect an award in the amount of \$34,152 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bulletproof

Vest Partnership program and \$34,152 in matching funds from the Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund to purchase body armor for the Greenville Police Department  
*(Presented by Police Chief Howie Thompson)*

- e. Ordinance to appropriate \$47,996 in the Miscellaneous Grant Fund for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Healthcare Preparedness Program grant  
*(Presented by Interim Fire Chief Brian Horton)*
- f. Ordinance to appropriate Home Investment Partnership Funds in the amount of \$53,418 awarded through the American Rescue Plan in Community Development Fund 111  
*(Presented by Community Development Manager Rebecca Edwards)*

**12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)**

None

**13. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolutions – First and Final Reading)**

None

<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>
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**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)**

None

**15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)**

- a. Ordinance to appropriate \$1,500,000 from the Capital Projects Fund, Economic Development Project Account, to the Greenville Local Development Corporation in furtherance of an established loan program for major economic development projects; to appropriate an amended and restated Grant Agreement between the city of Greenville and the Greenville Local Development Corporation; and matters related thereto  
*(Presented by Economic and Community Development Director Merle Johnson)*

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken to approve first reading.

Economic and Community Development Director Merle Johnson explained the purpose of the GLDC fund to assist in stimulating additional private investments. Mr. Johnson stated in this instance, the City has been presented with an opportunity to assist in establishing an innovation district, which is anticipated to increase occupancy in downtown Greenville.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance providing a one-time cost of living adjustment for persons currently receiving benefits under the Firefighters' Pension Fund  
*(Presented by Interim Fire Chief Brian Horton)*

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Brasington, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

**16. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolution – First and Final Reading)**

- a. Resolution to certify 660 South Main Street as an abandoned building site (Tax Map Number 0070000302000)  
*(Presented by Economic and Community Development Director Merle Johnson)*

Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

**17. STAFF REPORTS**

City Manager John McDonough provided information on the following items:

- a. Unity Park. Progress is continuing rapidly, and the project is on track for completion by late Spring 2022.
- b. Pedestrian Safety. Stantec has been selected to prepare the Pedestrian Safety Plan.
- c. Nicholtown Community Center. A community meeting was facilitated by Habitat for Humanity, and during the meeting Duke Energy announced the donation of \$100,000 to Habitat for Heritage Hills and an affordable housing initiative in Nicholtown.
- d. Noise Ordinance Campaign. A new campaign "Let us shop in peace" has been implemented to remind the public of noise regulations.
- e. Public Works. Sidewalks on Haywood Road have been complete.
- f. Swamp Rabbit Trail. The pylons for the substruction on the southside of Haywood Road is complete and the crane is moving to the other side. Anticipated completion is by the end of 2022.
- g. Street Paving. Paving is underway on Perry Avenue, and North Markley Street is scheduled to begin this week.
- h. Leaf Season. Public Works has picked up 1.5 million pounds of leaves.
- i. Smart School Zones. Equipment has been installed to allow for monitoring all school zones within the City using advanced intelligence software.

- j. Operation Santa Claus Toy Drive. Greenville Fire Department has begun their annual Operation Santa Claus event donating clothing, toys, and necessities to children and family who are without this Christmas.

Mr. McDonough wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Brasington thanked the City Manager and staff involved with preparing the safety audits for including streets and school zones in the scope of the work.

Councilmember Flemming recognized the Troop and Pack 511 with Christ Episcopal Church in attendance.

Councilmember Gibson thanked Duke Energy for their donation towards affordable housing in Nicholtown and encouraged others who may be in a similar position to do likewise for the purpose of making affordable housing accessible in the city of Greenville.

- 18. **ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR

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CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS  
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON DECEMBER 10, 2021.